GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisional statistics emerging from Child Census 2007 has shown that there are 80,863 out of school children in the age group of 7 to 14 in the Karnataka State;

(b) if so, whether NGOs have pointed out that this figure could be 10 times more;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has taken up this issue seriously and urged the Karnataka Government to implement schemes for improving the position; and

(d) if so, the details of financial assistance to be provided by the Union Government for improving the position in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) Yes,Sir. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme in Karnataka has confirmed the report.

(b) The Ministry has not received any complaint from any quarters in this matter.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has released Rs.22161.34 lakhs upto 31.10.2007 under the SSA programme to Karnataka. Rs.48.53 crores has been earmarked to implement interventions for out of school children in Karnataka under the SSA for 2007-08.